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§ 170.165 May a tribe enter into a contract or agreement for Indian LTAP funds?

Yes. If selected for an award as an Indian LTAP Center, a tribe will enter into a cooperative agreement with the FHWA and be subject to the guidelines of the agreement.

§ 170.166 What services do Indian LTAP centers provide?

(a) Indian LTAP centers provide transportation technology transfer services, including education, training, technical assistance and related support services to tribal governments and IRR Program participants. Indian LTAPs will:

- (1) Develop and expand tribal expertise in road and transportation areas;
- (2) Improve IRR Program performance;
- (3) Enhance tribal transportation planning, project selection, transit and freight programs;
- (4) Develop transportation training and technical resource materials and present workshops;
- (5) Improve tribal tourism and recreational travel programs;
- (6) Help tribes deal more effectively with transportation-related problems by developing and sharing tribal transportation technology and traffic safety systems and information with other transportation agencies;
- (7) Operate Indian technical centers in cooperation with State transportation departments and universities;
- (8) Provide technical assistance on transportation technology and enhance new technology implementation in cooperation with the private sector;
- (9) Develop educational programs to encourage and motivate interest in transportation careers among Native American students; and
- (10) Act as information clearinghouses for tribal governments and Indian-owned businesses on transportation-related topics.

(b) Unless otherwise stated in an Indian LTAP agreement, an Indian technical assistance program center must, at a minimum:

- (1) Maintain a current mailing list including, at a minimum, each tribe and IRR Program participant within the service area;

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- (2) Publish a quarterly newsletter and maintain a Web site;

- (3) Conduct or coordinate 10 workshops per year;

- (4) Maintain a library of technical publications and video tapes;

- (5) Provide technical assistance to IRR Program participants;

- (6) Hold two advisory committee meetings a year;

- (7) Develop a yearly action plan in consultation with the advisory committee;

- (8) Coordinate with State LTAPs, other Indian technical centers, Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP) centers, tribal governments, and local planning and transportation agencies to share and exchange publications, videotapes, training material, and conduct joint workshops;

- (9) Consult with tribes and IRR Program participants concerning technical assistance and training desired; and

- (10) Prepare an annual report and distribute this report to service area tribes.

§ 170.167 How does a tribe obtain services from an Indian LTAP center?

A tribe that wants to obtain services should contact the Indian LTAP center serving its service area or its BIA regional road engineer. Information about the centers and the services provided can be found on the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.ltap.org>.

§ 170.168 Do Indian LTAP centers offer services similar to those of State LTAPs?

Yes. However, Indian LTAP centers are primarily responsible for increasing the capacity of tribal governments to administer transportation programs. State LTAPs also provide services to local and rural governments, including tribal governments. Indian LTAP centers should coordinate education and training opportunities with State LTAP centers to maximize resources.

§ 170.169 What can a tribe do if Indian LTAP services are unsatisfactory?

A tribal government can address concerns over quality of services to the Indian LTAP Center Director, FHWA,